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TO : Chief, FBIS

DATE: 5 February 1964

FROM : Chief, Tokyo Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Progress Report for January 1964

I. GENERAL

A. Disbursement

Transfer of the Embassy disbursing function to Manila was postponed to 1 March 1964, but retardation of the Bureau pay day and coordination with Hokkaido Bureau proceeded as planned.

B. Special Conferences Support

On 17-18 January during the Kennedy-Sukarno conferences the Bureau conducted special screening of related material and passed nineteen items to the US delegation via courier and one item by wire to Yokota Airport at Embassy request. On 27 January the Bureau lent a model 28ASR teletype machine for one week to provide a special Embassy circuit for the Japan-U.S. Conference delegation's communication with Department of State.

C. Mirror Coordination

Communications coordinating proposed "mirror" broadcasts were effective through [redacted] although most Headquarters cables did not address copies to the FBIS field, [redacted] noted the gap and relayed the crucial cancellation word.

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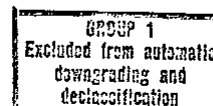
II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Through additional use of time clocks for automated recording, Radio Central watches were adjusted to start an hour later in the morning and cease an hour earlier at night; they are now 0630-1500 and 1430-2300 JST, eliminating need for certain personnel to sleep at the Bureau and providing better continuity thru $\frac{1}{2}$ hour overlap rather than $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour gap between watches.
2. Production jumped in busy January to 242 items and 112,000 publishable words filed. Total weekly hours of broadcasts (including TV) monitored inched back to 231.7.

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B. Communications

Tokyo-Washington and Saigon-Tokyo communications deteriorated substantially in January due, according to STARCOM, to seasonal and cyclical propagation difficulties. TWA outage jumped 25% above December to an average 60% daily; TW common outage soared similarly to 56% daily. The result was that the threshold of poor service was crossed, creating conditions that resulted in a peak figure of 2359 rerouted messages (in all directions), a jump of 1810 above the preceding month's figure. Although Saigon traffic via RUABSG arrived here very tardily for several weeks, it accelerated remarkably on 30 January at the peak of the coup crisis. One lengthy ZZ message was received here 20 times in 14 hours forcing issuance of instructions to cease relaying it.

C. Lateral Services

1. Ad hoc services rendered the Embassy in addition to paragraph I-B above included Chinese interpreting support to the Consulate on two occasions, Korean translation support to the Customs Attache, and a bit of Akahata research for the Political Section.
2. Two Akahata items were summarized and filed for J-2, Fuchu.
3. An Okinawa-monitored Jakarta item was filed to USIS Jakarta in response to a cabled request from USIA Washington.
4. After several weeks of experimental sampling, FIWA, 5th Air Force requested full wirefiling of Pyongyang by Okinawa Bureau.
5. Moscow English broadcast summaries are being airmailed weekly to BBC at FOS request for the period 20 January - 19 February.

D. Technical

1. As the antenna matching transformer contractor admitted doubt about the design of the unit, Japan's leading antenna engineer Mr. Hamao Kojima of the K.D.D. Co. has been brought into the problem as a consultant for a very modest fee. His advice is expected to be forthcoming very shortly.
2. The radioteletype equipment recently received was installed experimentally in the engineering office to facilitate cruising without disruption of operations. No regular coverage has been undertaken. Several transmissions monitored in last summer's experimental program with borrowed equipment can no longer be located.

III. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Arrangements were completed to bring the Embassy's senior tele-
typist [] on duty experimentally 3 February for
a two week trial period. If the results are mutually satisfac-
tory, a formal transfer will be effected and the resignation of
[] now on sick leave, will be firmed.

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- B. After extensive liaison with the Chinese Embassy, in the throes of closing all but its Consular Section while threatening to break diplomatic relations with Japan over the Chou affair, the Bureau finally succeeded in obtaining endorsement of Hokkaido Bureau's two Taipei recruits for employment in Japan. Action now rests with Okinawa Bureau.
- C. Since the local Commo office has no record of the Bureau teletype equipment loaned by it some years ago, inquiry has been made to [] for surplus disposal action. A reply had not been received by end of the month.

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IV. OFFICIAL VISITS

A. To the Bureau

1. Dr. Charles B. Fahs, Minister-Counselor for Cultural and Public Affairs, 7 January for orientation and briefing.
2. Messrs. Ford, Luscher and White, Embassy Security Office, 29 January for orientation and briefing.

B. By Bureau Personnel

1. To Kokusai Denshin Denwa Ltd., Mr. Hamao Kojima, 29 Jan. by [] for technical consultations.
2. To Army Supply Depot, Sagamihara, [] et al. 30 January by [] to revise procurement procedures according to new DA system.
3. To Fifth Air Force, Fuchu, Lt. Lambertson, 30 January by [] to improve excess property procurement practice.

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Attachments:

1. Classified Personnel Report
2. Foreign Personnel Report
3. Coverage Change Report

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COVERAGE CHANGE REPORT			TYPE	BUREAU		DATE (Month and Year)	
			MONTHLY RECAP	TOKYO		JANUARY 1964	
COUNTRY	LANGUAGE	CITY	TIME GMT	DAYS BROADCAST	DAYS COVERED	RATING	
<u>D E L E T I O N S</u>							
Japan	Japanese	Tokyo DS	2040-2055 (Unproductive)	Not SA	Not SA	Good	2
<u>A D D I T I O N S</u>							
Japan	Japanese	Tokyo DS	1300-1315 (Cast resumed)	Daily	Daily	Good	2
<u>M O D I F I C A T I O N S</u>							
USSR	Japanese	Moscow IS	0900-0930	Daily	Daily	Fair 2	(was 1)
USSR	Mandarin	Moscow IS	1230-1300	Daily	Daily	Fair 2	(was 4)
China(Comm)	Mongolian	Huhehot DS	1200-1230 (was 1345-1405)	Daily	Daily	Fair	2